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Extract for GROSSBAHN file

from EASA-715, 19 January 1953, KUFIRE Status and Progress Report for Month of Oct 52.

6-8 Oct. ... [ ] visits Vienna for briefings on operations pending assignment as Chief, Operations, Salzburg and for work on GROSSBAHN assets in Vienna.

3c. GROSSBAHN

1) GROSSBAHN once again furnished all the intelligence reports published by Salzburg Base. He was involved in tying up the loose ends in the loss of the Slovak operation and in the loss of the Soviet Zone OB observer AA-8. Although his reporting for October did not suffer, the restriction of certain members of the AA-1 net to the Vienna area caused a significant drop in subsequent periods. The proposal to use SLAG as a trainer for bi-lingual Hungarian Slovaks was disapproved by Headquarters. This decision was relayed to GROSSBAHN, who performed the nasty job of firing SLAG without a murmur.

2) A serious development in the GROSSBAHN case came to our attention during this period with the allegations by GRUESOME 201 that CC-2 was reporting on GROSSBAHN's activities to the noted fabricator Willi HOETTL. Further details on this bothersome matter have been reported separately and will be summarized in future progress reports.

3e. KANDRAC/CUERK/WIDENER/OATIS Case

At Headquarters' request Salzburg Base attempted to mount, primarily through GROSSBAHN, a temporary CE coverage of the Salzburg area which worked very smoothly and inconspicuously. KANDRAC and WIDENER were spotted quickly upon arrival and through a bit of good luck we did achieve contact with them through the person of James Hodgson of G-2, IB. Although Salzburg's proposals for delving deeper into the proposed operation to free Oatis were vetoed by Headquarters, we believe through judicious use of GROSSBAHN's police contact (PP-1) and our own staff resources, we were in a very advantageous position to make an aggressive, secure follow-up in this case.

a. During the period nine OB reports obtained from the GROSSBAHN AA-1 operation were published; four reports were of the marginal Soviet vehicle numbers in Vienna series which we are continuing per G-2 request. Two concerned airports at Voeslau and Wiener Neustadt; two concerned troop and naval units in Klosterneuburg, and one concerned Soviet armored vehicles in Liesing.

b. Also dispatched following the practice of disseminating Political or Economic Reports thru Vienna, four SBG's on Political Organizations were sent to Vienna for release as EAV's. Again, all reports originated with GROSSBAHN.

c. In addition a total of 10 reports were sent by Dissemination Form to G-2 USFA (contents sent Headquarters separately). Of these eight GROSSBAHN reports concerned mostly low-level CI and OB particulars... 2/5